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It is possible to clean up Germany and the streets simultaneously... Germany denies that it has violated the treaty of 1871...

We trust that there will be little opposition in the Legislature to the proposed amendment for woman suffrage... Has the President's speech been censored in Germany?

There is a place in vaudeville, no doubt, for Senator Lodge and his heavy swing... The small New England States were quick to vote money for preparedness and defense.

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blood and treasure of white Americans. We venture the opinion that the loyalty and devotion of southern negroes will be proved over and over again during the approaching era of sacrifice.

NAVY FIRST

IT EMPLOYS about two tons of British shipping to keep each soldier equipped on the western front. It is estimated that it would take about eight tons to supply each American soldier of an expeditionary force.

THE NEW WEAKNESS OF THE NEUTRALS

NEUTRAL nations that refused to follow President Wilson's lead in severing relations with Germany must find in the present situation decidedly less authority and distinction than heretofore. The dignity and splendor of standing aloof from Armageddon, many of whose causes were at the outset asserted to be merely selfish, was enormously enhanced by the status of the United States.

With America cleared of such charges, with the vast weight of her authority withdrawn from the neutral world, the plight of the nonbelligerent lands becomes daily more uncomfortable. Their big, peaceful brother shoulders a musket and the largest country not in war or freed of diplomatic bonds with Germany is now Brazil—a nation constantly on the verge of joining the Entente.

WHEW!

THE Public Service Commission solemnly approves the political land grab in the form of the extension of the Frankford elevated beyond Bridge to Rhawn street. This extension was tacked on to the first loan proposal by some obstructionists and speculators in the hope, first, of obstructing transit altogether, or, failing in that, to make a nice profit in land by building a high-speed line through rural districts.

It is useless in the circumstances to attempt to follow the circuitous reasoning of the commission. As well have a debating society in a lunatic asylum. We suggest to the Governor that he at once endeavor to redeem the prestige of the commission and vindicate its capacity for sound judgment by appointing to the vacancy now existing some gentleman who will not apotheosize the peanut.

GRIM, UNROMANTIC WAR

THE handicap we shall have to bear is that our war will not have on the surface the romantic glamour that sent a thrill through the youth of Europe. The foe was at their gate, insolent, flaunting, for a time invincible, and therefore leaving no question in the minds of high-spirited men as to where their duty lay.

To the youth of Europe the appeal to action was inevitable and irresistible. Women did not try to keep men home. The maidens, the babies, of those nations were—were still—impelled. Once the battle was joined, what there was of chivalry in German life appeared face to face with the men of the Allies.

As I walked out under the gray skies of Paris I understood the meaning of the charts upon the walls of the examining room. Some showed the records of brave fighting men without the least apparent effort.

FINAL TEST FOR ARMY AIRMEN

They Must Have Quick Judgment and Nerves of Steel. How French Examine Candidates

By HENRI BAZIN Special Correspondent of the Evening Ledger in France.

PARIS, March 7. ONE of the joys of ignorance is to live in the midst of surprise. Today I assisted at a psychometer test. I did not know what a psychometer was nor that such an instrument existed. As I walked beside the uniformed medical friend who had invited me he said: "You are going to assist at something that makes clear why the French army aviator is in surpassing average the best in the world."

The psychometer is used in the case of every applicant for service in the Flying Corps, whether the young man is just entering upon his army service or is one of the many French soldiers with a leg or a kidney buried somewhere in France, who, reflecting retirement, applies for an air certificate as soon as his wounds are healed.

Aviators Are Born, Not Made

He must scientifically demonstrate that he has "le nécessaire," the real essential to the work he will be called upon to do. This essential is born in him or it isn't. There is many a brave, sound-hearted man without it, and without it he could not become a successful aviator.

The room we entered was severely military in aspect. Upon the walls hung a number of black paper charts with more or less zigzag white vertical lines upon them, and a few maps of the front. A wooden bench would seat a dozen men, four or five cane-seat chairs, and two or three tables with their furnishings. Upon the tables were what seemed to me scientific apparatus of small dimensions.

Life Hangs on Fractions of a Second. "Test No. 1," said the former. "When I strike a blow with this hammer on this table, the contact will be broken each time the hand begins to encircle. The instant you hear the blow, press the switch, the contact will be resumed and the hand stops."

THE LETTER came from Washington and it looked "official" at first glance. It informed Mr. Howard C. Story, of Erie avenue, that he was exempt from military service. The reason assigned was the alleged fact that he is the sole support of a Hudson Super-Six.

OUR STAND

For Kaiser Bill No peace until He says good-night To schlegelkheit. —Rody McFee, Springfield Union.

A Man With Nerves of Steel

Intensely interested, and with the certitude that my lines under the test would be very zigzag at the moment, I waited. The examiner struck sharply upon the table with a wooden mallet. The needles drew three lines about as straight as unpracticed fingers could freestrand. Five additional impressions recorded a practical similarity of white lines.

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HER FAVORITES

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Tom Daly's Column

April, Irish through and through, Here's my caubeen off to you! Look you! now my head is bare, Drop your tears upon my hair, Weep your fill upon me, then Warm me with your sun again, Here's my heart, Oh, make its strings Populous with linnets' wings! So your holy birds are there Not a haporth do I care; Mute with sorrow, sold to him pice, So they make their home in me.

April, Dead, forgotten days Tremble in your dim blue haze; All the glories of the race Flicker on your mobile face. Heroes panoplied for flight Glimmer in your golden light; Martyrs, sanctified by pain, Murmur in your silver rain. All your smiles and all your tears Voicing now our hopes and fears, April, Irish through and through, Here's my caubeen off to you!

"In suggesting subjects," says the Photo-Item for April—and the italics are its own—"just the barest hint has been given; there are a thousand and one activities which begin this month, and the man who slips a camera into his pocket and keeps it there, day in and day out, will have no trouble in getting a host of pictures which tell a story."

STATE UNDER GUARD BY ARMED GERMAN TROOPS

Which suggests a war dispatch: Armed German troops today attacked strong positions in the vicinity of Le Bourgeois Canal. They were supplied with ammunition, including bayonets. British and French forces, numbering 11,543 (also 188 Belgians of the crack First City Dragons, of Brussels), repulsed the attack. The British had 11,543 rounds of ammunition in the French troops, forming in platoons, but ninety rounds per man. They also had full equipment, including rations for ten days. Every soldier in the battle, irrespective of what flag he fought under, had a bayonet. Eight had bayonets, as well, and five had not trimmed their nails that morning.

Song: "I and My Sons Will Lead You, Uncle Sam"

(Written by Me for My Country and Sung by Me) The President at last has spoke and what he says is true, Although he hasn't done the thing as well as I might do. He wrote a lot of things before that were but silly rot, But now he takes a page from me and tells the Huns what's what. The things he did before were wrong. They had no sense, and it was too bad that all Because in all particulars he disagreed with me. But now he is the (almost) leading statesman of his day, Because he made a bully speech and unto us did say:

THE LIGHTHOUSE SPEAKS

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—The Lighthouse owes a debt of gratitude to us in Miss Neukomer. She not only handled her accounts of the progress of the experiment with capacity, but through her never-failing good humor won the regard of every member of the squad. And she was quality, highly desirable in a tablemate when one was dieting, often on unusual foods. G. W. FREEMAN, Philadelphia, March 26.

"DOING AND DYING"

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—In commenting on my letter of Mr. Charles Willing he takes exception to my statement that American men are ready "to do or die." Mr. Willing states that "they would be prepared to die, but certainly not to 'do.'"

I do not consider it patriotism to parade any lack of equipment before the world that others may take advantage of us. Little Belgium, before the war, was principally noted for Ostend and her summer resorts. Yet had Belgium, never spoken of as a war power, had the force equal to that of her invaders, these men would have made the Kaiser's dream of short duration. And France, whom the world has justly regarded as the champion of the oppressed, was never placed as one of the great powers, France was noted for her gayety, her sports and easy morals, but not as an example of preparedness and national vigilance. And yet the trained troops of the Kaiser, from a country that had been preparing for forty years for this struggle, had the pleasure of seeing Eiffel Tower in the distance and then to be hurled back. Gay, sporty France arose to the need and showed unto the world that they were men of the highest type.

It is true that a patriotic mob is not an army and untrained men are only "rookies," but when men, true men, not craven cowards, answer the call, "to arms" the task "well begun is half done." Lord Northcliffe is quoted as saying that the present conflict has failed to produce the counterpart of Grant or Lee. And, unless my history has all been forgotten, Grant was not in the public eye when the nation called for a leader. If we were to send an army across the ocean Europe might open her eyes at the tactics. Place the Colonel at the head and the Kaiser might open his eyes at the tactics of the British.

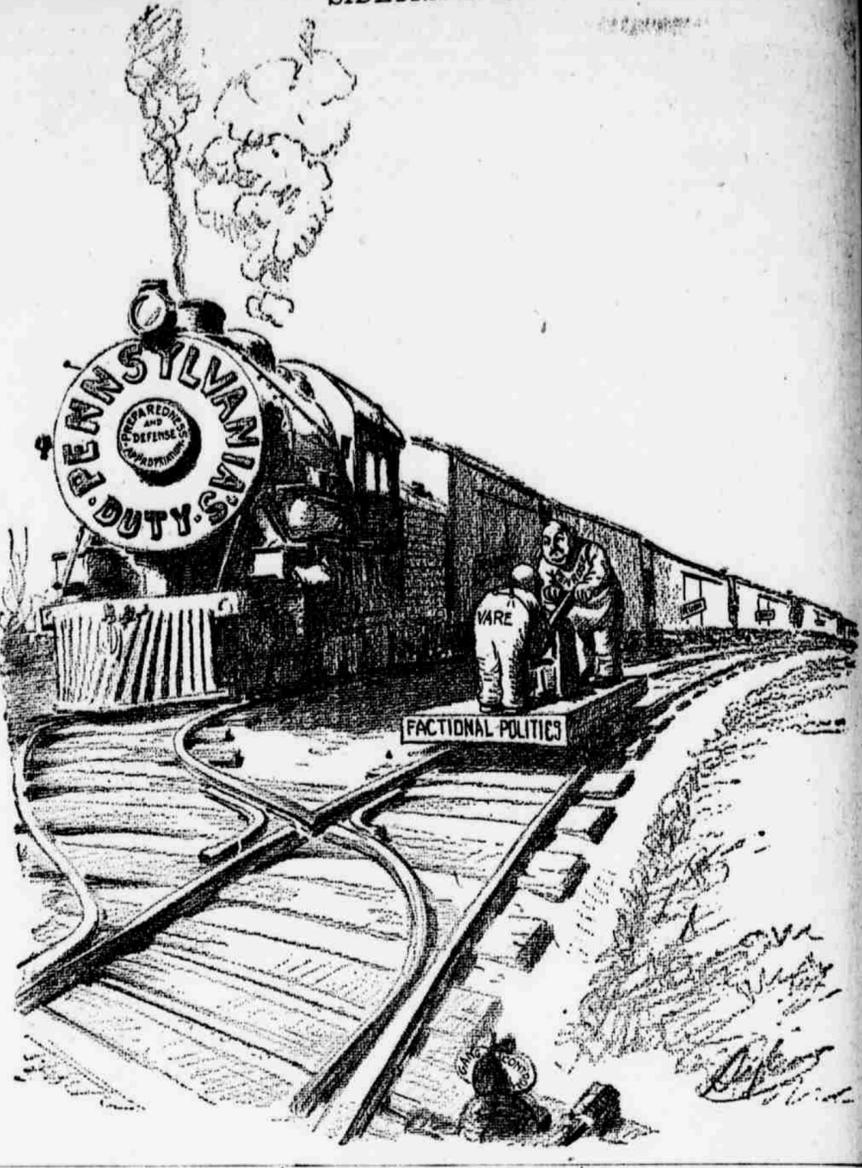
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THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

The Difference Between "Doing" and "Dying" — The Lighthouse Speaks — The Great Rally

THE GREAT RALLY

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—Through reading the EVENING LEDGER I learn that you were the leaders of the patriotic day last Saturday. It was a wonder, and it was too bad that all Pennsylvania could not have been there. The following is only a suggestion: Have a day called "Belgian Day for Children" in all the schools of the United States, with contributions for the Belgians. J. A. Q. Philadelphia, April 2.

UNION LEAGUE'S ATTITUDE

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—What is the matter with the Union League? Once it had a voice, and whenever there was a national crisis that voice was heard from one end of the country to the other. Why so dumb now? Is it because there are some Germans in the membership that it is policy not to "attend"?

CAUTION FOR LIBERALS

In advocating universal military training, it is essential for liberals to remember that they must not forge a weapon that a reactionary government can use blindly to play the old-fashioned diplomat's game. By insisting that there be no conscription for overseas service, no conscription in case of strike, by demanding a breakdown of the peaceful verse which was given us by the late George F. Warren, of the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, a good many of us ago. We recall this the more particularly because we have just observed a headline in a newspaper to the effect that the British army has routed a Turkish force in Palestine. "In Palestine" that is the phrase which makes Memory come back to her throne. Listen, then, to the legend of When swallows northward flew, forth rode in Guy, Lord of Lanturiale and Lanturiale. Vowed he to cross the bridge, pausing not night nor day. Faithful a Knight and true as You'd find any. Guy, Lord of Lanturiale and Lanturiale. Half a league on his way met him a shepherd. Beaming in loveless, sweet as young day, White lamb, herbibonned blue, herded wild six. Guy, Lord of Lanturiale and Lanturiale. Fine sport of him they made, Knights famous, old and lone. Strength, worth and hope all gone in the Crusade. But in hearts they knew! "He hath the better fare." Guy, Lord of Lanturiale and Lanturiale. If there is anywhere a more barbed tree

All Points of the Compass

Casuals of the Day's Work XLI WE ARE no pacifist. We love a good scrap. Yet today, when we are queering on the farm edge of the well-known brink of war, we desire to recall a bit of peaceful verse which was given us by the late George F. Warren, of the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, a good many years ago. We recall this the more particularly because we have just observed a headline in a newspaper to the effect that the British army has routed a Turkish force in Palestine. "In Palestine" that is the phrase which makes Memory come back to her throne. Listen, then, to the legend of When swallows northward flew, forth rode in Guy, Lord of Lanturiale and Lanturiale. Vowed he to cross the bridge, pausing not night nor day. Faithful a Knight and true as You'd find any. Guy, Lord of Lanturiale and Lanturiale. Half a league on his way met him a shepherd. Beaming in loveless, sweet as young day, White lamb, herbibonned blue, herded wild six. Guy, Lord of Lanturiale and Lanturiale. Fine sport of him they made, Knights famous, old and lone. Strength, worth and hope all gone in the Crusade. But in hearts they knew! "He hath the better fare." Guy, Lord of Lanturiale and Lanturiale. If there is anywhere a more barbed tree

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SONS TAKEN IN WAR

We have sent them forth To Christ's own Road; Their feet are white, And they must slake Their own desire In walls of death And pits of fire. I saw the Shadow Count the fair Sum of his takings; Then that were Children in years When they were sped, And now are mighty, Being dead. Like galaxies Of stars, they slumber In the great space

What Do You Know?

QUIZ 1. A large American army will be required to subdue the "selective conscription" in the U.S. 2. About what is the population of Mexico? 3. Identify Elizabeth Barrett Browning with her time and work. 4. About how many miles shorter is the way from France because of the German retreat? 5. How much surface is contained in an acre? 6. What and where is Reykjavik? 7. What is the difference between a plume and a setter hunting dog? 8. What Chinese persons are mandarins? 9. What American race is called the "mushy race"? 10. What is an anecdote?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz

1. The Hindenburg line is the new line of German positions constructed by Von Ludendorff in northern France. It is 100 miles to run from near Arras to near Laon. 2. Senator Stone is chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. 3. A "penultimate warbler" is the last but one, "ultimate" being the last. 4. An Angolite is a person favoring England. 5. Champ Clark was re-elected Speaker of the House of Representatives. 6. The White Mountains are in New Hampshire, the highest, Mount Washington, is 6,288 feet high. 7. The Rhododendron, "Following the Sun Flag," "The Knight of the Cumberland," "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine" and "The Heart of the Hills."

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